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HB 2827: businesses; firearms; unlawful acts Sponsor: Representative Carroll, LD 22 Caucus & COW

Overview

Creates a civil action for firearm entities which are discriminated against by the government or a financial institution.

<u>History</u>

It is unlawful for the state or any subdivision of the state to place any additional fee, tax, or other encumbrance on a private party firearm transfer when the parties are not prohibited possessors (A.R.S. § 44-7852).

It is also unlawful, with certain exceptions, for any subdivision of the state to enact an ordinance or rule related to the transportation, possession, sale, or use of a firearm. If a court finds a subdivision in violation of this provision, it may issue a permanent injunction and be assessed a civil penalty of up to \$50,000. A person adversely affected by a political subdivision that violated this section may be awarded reasonable attorney fees and damages up to \$100,000 (A.R.S. § 13-3108).

Provisions

- 1. Prohibits the government or a financial institution from discriminating against a firearm, firearm accessory, or ammunition manufacturer, retailer, supplier or distributor, shooting range or trade association comprised of firearm manufacturers or sellers. (Sec. 3)
- 2. Creates the right to a civil action for violation of this bill, provided the civil action begins within two years of the discovery of the violation. (Sec. 3)
- 3. Authorizes the court to award a party injured by the government or a financial institution attorney fees and any of the following:
 - a) actual and compensatory damages;
 - b) treble damages;
 - c) punitive or exemplary damages;
 - d) injunctive relief; or
 - e) any other appropriate civil relief. (Sec. 3)
- 4. Allows the Attorney General to file a civil action for a violation of this bill and specifies remedies that may be sought by the Attorney General. (Sec. 3)
- 5. Defines ammunition, discriminate, financial institution, firearm, firearm accessory, firearm entity and trade association. (Sec. 3)
- 6. Makes conforming changes. (Sec. 1, 2)

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